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Richard P. Bedier
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Re: Unpermitted Mining Activity, Grand County, Utah 5/019/047

Dear Mr. Bedier

The Moab BLM office has informed the Division that you have been mining rock from a small quarry near Crystal Geyser (Township 21 South, Range 16 East, Section 35, SLBM) in Grand County. The Division understands that you have filed a notice with the BLM for removing this material. The removal of rock as a locatable or salable material also requires filling a notice with the State of Utah Division of Oil Gas & Mining.

Information from the BLM indicates your mining disturbance occupies less than five acres. Under the Division's Minerals Rules your mining project would be categorized as a small mine operation. You will need to submit a completed notice of intention to commence small mining operations (Form MR-SMO), or a letter containing all the required information to the Division before conducting future mining activities. It is recommended that the notice of intention be filed with the Division at least thirty days prior to the planned commencement of operations. A copy of the small mine notice form (MR-SMO) and Minerals Rules are enclosed for your use.

The Division realizes you may have been mining in this area since you filed the notice with the BLM in 1985. We realize that not filing a notice with the Division was probably an oversight which may have been due in part to some confusion regarding the difference in BLM and Division permit requirements for salable materials. We understand this situation; however, the notice information must be filed with the Division before any further mining takes place in this area.

In addition to submitting a notice you will need to pay a permit application fee of \$100.00. The permit fee is required as of July 1998 prior to conducting mining operations. Failure to pay the permit fees required by rule R647-3-101(7) will suspend an operator's authorization to conduct mining operations. A permit billing notice is enclosed for your use. The permit fee is due annually on all open files.

The small mine notice applies to mines which create a surface disturbance of five acres or less. If you wish to expand your operations beyond five acres of surface disturbance you will need to submit a large mine operation notice of intention to the Division and receive approval prior to exceeding the five acre limitation. Approval for a large mine notice can require over six months after the initial submission.

If you have any questions regarding the small mine notice form or the Division's permitting requirements I would be happy to assist you. I can be reached by phone at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: MR-SMO, Rules, Billing Statement
cc: Sal Venticinque, BLM, Moab FO
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